

SENATE RESOLUTION 91
By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the administration,
faculty and students of Surgoinsville Middle
School on receiving the Tennessee Quality
Commitment Award.

WHEREAS, each year Governor Don Sundquist presents a middle school in this state
the prestigious Tennessee Quality Commitment Award; and

WHEREAS, the Quality Award process was first introduced to the Surgoinsville Middle
School faculty in 1995 by Dr. Diane Rivers, an educational consultant; and

WHEREAS, the project was sponsored by Tennessee Eastman Chemical Company;
and

WHEREAS, although it was a difficult transition from the previous methods used in the
school's operation, few now dispute the solid record of measured improvement the students and
faculty have made using the team and quality concepts; and

WHEREAS, the numerous school improvements include the establishment of a Student
Quality Team to give more input in the implementation of the curriculum, a data gathering
process to more accurately pinpoint strengths and precisely identify opportunities for
improvements, the formation of a steering committee that unifies the quality efforts at the school
and the formation of self-managed grade level and quality improvement teams; and

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WHEREAS, the steering committee members were: Nacole Brewer, Lucia Carico, Jim Castle, Karen Davis Renfro, Yvonne Gombert, Marcy Hagen, Catherine Livesay, Melissa Seals, Hank Somers and Principal Lowell Fairchild; and

WHEREAS, Surgoinsville Middle School is also one of eight schools that participates in the Koalaty Kid program, a national program which promotes quality in education; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we recognize Principal Lowell Fairchild, the faculty and students of Surgoinsville Middle School on receiving the Tennessee Quality Commitment Award and wish them much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.